

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Mailing address; 1121 W. Gardner. Spokane, WA 99201

Minutes

Quarterly Meeting **Wednesday – February 16, 2022** **Time 9:00 – 10:30**

LOCATION: Zoom.

Attendees: Sharon Colby, Frank Cejka Catherine Cronin, Brett DiManno, Sgt Kelly, Matt Boucher, Kim Mask, Susan Forsythe, Cody Rohrbach, John DeLong, Chris Matuszak, John Geppert, Bryn Zimmerman, Charlie King, Rory McKinnon, Krista Rentherford, Drue Kraft, Mitch Metzger, Stephanie Carey, Ty Little, Sarah Fox, Mark Conrad. Sean Thompson, MSgt. Jason Clark, Mike LaScuola.

Welcome: Gerry Bozarth, CEM

Updates:

Elected Officials – Sharon Colby, FD3: As the need grows within the District they are recruiting 19 Full-Time Fire Fighters through a grant. The District is also asking for an EMS Levy due to increased home building and business creation within the District. Call volume increased by 14% to over 3200 in 2021.

State Officials – Kim Mask, Sean Thompson – The LEPC Conference is scheduled from April 12th – May 12th. Virtual with the first parts focused on the Hazardous Materials Training. Registration opening soon. WADOE is implementing the equipment grant program and if you have any questions please direct them to Sean Thompson.

Emergency Management – Gerry Bozarth, CEM – Continuing the ESF 10 Update.

Water Resources - Shane Sheppard, Kelly Williquette, Todd Henry
No report.

Fire Services – Mitch Metzger – The Inland Empire Fire Chief’s meeting: Getting ready for the upcoming fire season, DNR is hiring so if you know of anyone looking for a seasonal position send them their way. The Operations group are also revising the Field Operations Guide (FOG). And finally, they are enhancing their Fire Investigation Unit to assist through MOU’s smaller communities where resources are slim to determine fire causes.

Hospital – Darrell Ruby
No report

Media – Vacant
No report

Health – Mike LaScuola – COVID wastewater surveillance program. Data gathering mode but preliminary results seem to indicate lower incidence based on this testing. Should be a useful system to give Hospitals and other data on increase or decreases of detectable viruses and other issues of concern through this nationwide CDC program.

1st Aid/EMS – Cody Rohrbach – EMS council meeting, data indicates preliminarily we may be over the latest COVID surge. Staffing at hospitals has been a continuing challenge. Hospitals have been inequitably tasked with certain acuity of patients. The Council is considering how to assist in restructuring the distribution of those future patients so it doesn't burden certain hospitals unduly. SRHD/ReDi program – Transport issues related to staffing? AMR has had challenges with COVID. Working on a Tiered response in areas to help cover issues throughout the county. Response times have strained response due to ambulances not being stationed in regular areas of the county.

Transportation – Mike Toole

No report.

Law Enforcement – Lt. Chuck Arnold

No report

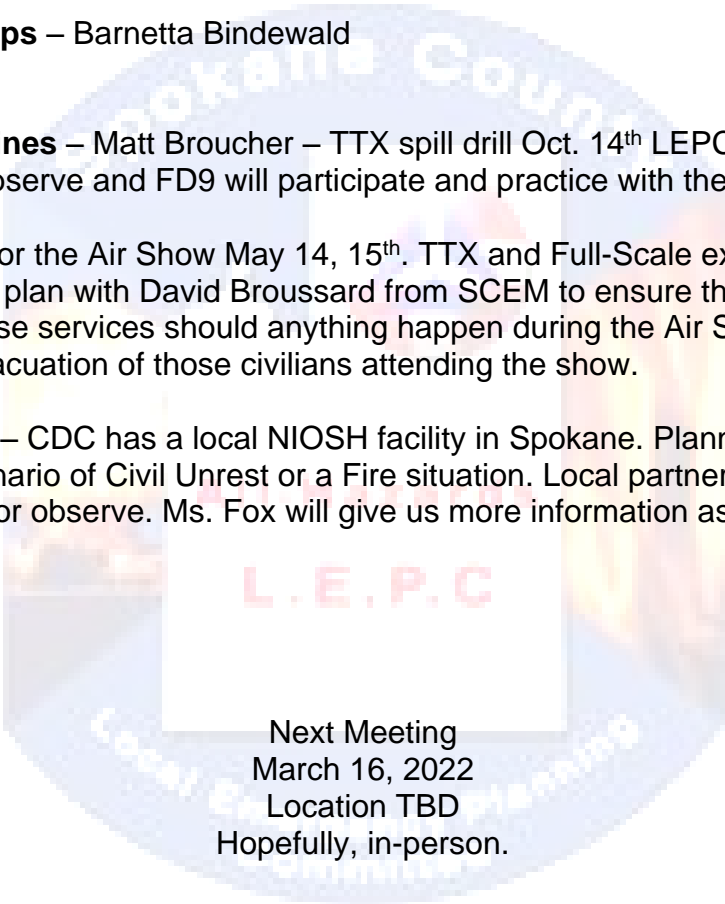
Community Groups – Barnetta Bindewald

No report

Facilities & Pipelines – Matt Broucher – TTX spill drill Oct. 14th LEPC could possibly invite several to observe and FD9 will participate and practice with their foam trailer.

FAFB- Preparing for the Air Show May 14, 15th. TTX and Full-Scale exercise. Working on the Evacuation plan with David Broussard from SCEM to ensure those on base are tied into the off-base services should anything happen during the Air Show that would necessitate an evacuation of those civilians attending the show.

CDC – Sarah Fox – CDC has a local NIOSH facility in Spokane. Planning a TTX in June or July with a Scenario of Civil Unrest or a Fire situation. Local partners could be asked to participate and/or observe. Ms. Fox will give us more information as it becomes available.

The logo for the Spokane County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a red and white design, possibly representing a fire or emergency service. The shield is set against a blue background with the words "Spokane County" at the top and "L.E.P.C." in large red letters in the center. Below the shield, the words "Local Emergency Planning Committee" are written in a smaller font. The entire logo is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the meeting information text.

Next Meeting
March 16, 2022
Location TBD
Hopefully, in-person.